

commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of its historic synagogue with a special Shabbat (Sabbath) service.

Thirty-two families came together in 1876 in Huntsville to form the Congregation and mobilized, dedicating their synagogue in 1899. I am proud to relay that Temple B'nai Sholom is the oldest synagogue in Alabama in continuous use. The Temple is also the only congregation affiliated with the Reform Movement in North Alabama and South Central Tennessee.

B'nai Sholom ("Sons of Peace"), the chosen name of the Temple, communicates the congregation's commitment to harmony and reconciliation. Temple B'nai Sholom has given to their community in countless ways. As members of the Interfaith Mission Service, the Temple contributes to the cause of religious tolerance in North Alabama. The Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Sholom should be commended for their efforts to raise money for breast cancer awareness and health initiatives through their design and sale of the L'Chaim pins. The Sisterhood designed the L'Chaim pin to symbolize Jewish support for breast cancer victims and survivors.

For a century, the Temple B'nai Sholom's commitment to the reform tradition has bolstered the religious community of North Alabama. Their established presence in downtown Huntsville is a testament to their perseverance and good will. I congratulate the Temple B'nai Sholom, and wish the Congregation a special centennial commemoration.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND ROBERT  
NELSON, JR.

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who during his 19 years, has made many outstanding contributions to his community, Reverend Robert Nelson, Jr. Reverend Nelson, Jr. has served as pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church West Memphis, Arkansas for 19 years. Through his ministry at Bethel, he has been able to establish the Bethel Christian Outreach Center which aides the people of the community with substance abuse problems. He also administers the Bethel Learning Academy, a childcare facility setup to target high school drop outs, low to moderate income families and children with special needs.

Along with his work for the church and the community, Reverend Nelson, Jr. also served his country. He is a three year army veteran who courageously fought in the Vietnam War. When he returned home from his service in Vietnam, he helped establish the Crosstown Fellowship in Crittenden County which holds services in the community every second Sunday. This ministry has helped several hundred families with housing and utilities expenses.

Reverend Robert Nelson, Jr. is the recipient of several awards such as the Arkansas Certificate of Merit for his outstanding service to the people of Arkansas while serving on the Governor's Arkansas Highway Safety Advisory Council. He has received several awards of appreciation from President Bill Clinton, Mayor Al Boals of West Memphis, the General Assembly, former Governor Guy Tucker, the NAACP and others.

Reverend Nelson is also a family man, who cherishes his family including his wife Mrs. Rita Wilson; four children, Marty Green, Ryan Nelson, Rashunda Nelson and Rachel Nelson; and two granddaughters, Renea Nelson and Raylyn Nelson.

When I think of someone we all should strive to be like, I think of Reverend Nelson. Through all his hard work for his country and his community and all the awards he has received, Reverend Nelson continues to be a wonderful, down to earth man who takes pride in his love of people and his love of God.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD J.  
RUBENSTEIN ON THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUBENSTEIN ASSOCIATES

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary talents and contributions of Howard J. Rubenstein. This evening, some two thousand government, civic, and corporate leaders will celebrate the 45th anniversary of Mr. Rubenstein's firm, Rubenstein Associates, Inc.

Howard Rubenstein has been dubbed by Newsweek Magazine as the "Dean of Damage Control", one of America's foremost public relations consultants. His clients constitute a cross section of influential individuals and organizations, from Disney/ABC to novelist Danielle Steel, from the New York Yankees to the Duchess of York. Rubenstein's brilliance, insights, and innovative strategies have earned him great respect in the United States and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, my profound admiration for Howard Rubenstein is a consequence not of his public relations skills, but rather of his passionate commitment to using his talents for the benefit of his community and his country. His public service has affected a sweeping range of civic and cultural priorities. Mr. Rubenstein is currently an advisor to the New York City Commission on the Status of Women, and he is a member of the City University of New York Business Advisory Board, the board of directors of the Center for Democracy, and the Inner-City Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York.

Howard has also served on the Mayor's Committee on Business & Economic Development for New York Mayors Abraham Beame, David Dinkins, and Rudolph Giuliani, and he is currently a trustee of the Alliance for the Arts, the March of Dimes New York Chapter, the Central Park Conservancy, and the Police Athletic League. In an era when business leaders all too often fail to demonstrate a devotion to the needs of our society, Howard Rubenstein's contributions stand as a model for all others.

Mr. Speaker, one particular episode stands out in my reflection upon Howard Rubenstein's service to his community. In 1991, the Brooklyn community of Crown Heights exploded in a chain reaction of violence, riots, and ever-mounting divisions between the area's African-American and Hasidic Jewish populations. These disputes divided the city and received national attention, emphasizing the difficulties of racial reconciliation. Responding to a re-

quest for his assistance from Mayor David Dinkins and other city leaders, Rubenstein undertook the difficult task of diffusing the tensions between African-Americans and Jews.

He organized a "Peace Conference" in Crown Heights, and then planned a special "Neighbor to Neighbor" event at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. More than 1,300 people—both Jews and African-Americans—viewed a showing of "The Liberators," a film which depicts the liberation of Nazi concentration camps by African-American soldiers. The screening was broadcast live on New York television, while simultaneously 500 "Neighbor to Neighbor" meetings were held in homes and community centers around New York City to discuss race relations. Rubenstein's efforts were critical to restoring civility and understanding in Crown Heights, and I believe that they speak volumes about the character and commitment of this outstanding man.

Howard Rubenstein has come a long way since 1954, when he founded Rubenstein Associates, Inc., working on the kitchen table at his parents' home. In honor of the 45th anniversary of this event and in recognition of the outstanding contributions that he has made to his community and our country, I urge my colleagues to join me in extending warmest congratulations and our most sincere appreciation to Howard J. Rubenstein.

TRIBUTE TO STAPELEY IN  
GERMANTOWN

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Stapeley in Germantown, a Quaker sponsored retirement community, as it celebrates 95 years of service and commitment to the community. Founded in 1904 by Philadelphia philanthropist Anna T. Jeanes, its mission today reflects the vision of its founder, to create an "abiding place, a refuge, a home".

Stapeley is a full-service, accredited continuing care retirement community that welcomes residents and staff of all faiths, races, and cultural backgrounds.

In an atmosphere of harmony, equality, simplicity, integrity, and concern for community, Stapeley serves over 200 older persons and includes 42 independent living apartments and a 120-bed skilled nursing facility.

Stapeley continues to attract new residents because of its reputation as a tolerant, diverse, and affordable provider of quality care for seniors. In keeping with its mission to provide high quality, moderately priced care to its residents, the Stapeley Healthcare Center maintains a Medical Assistance census that is 76 percent. Among the community of Quaker retirement facilities, it is recognized for its commitment to individuals who have exhausted their personal assets.

In recognition of its years of service to one of the most vulnerable segments of our community, I join the New Stapeley as it celebrates its anniversary and the completion of renovations to one of its original and historic buildings.

TRIBUTE TO BRAD CURREY, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, the strength of our republic lies in the participation of all people, exercising their individual liberty by making their voices heard. One person can make a difference that can benefit us all.

Congress is, and should be composed of 535 laymen. We each have expertise in something, but on the wide array of issues with which we deal, we need a lot more information, a lot of educating—or we can make some mistakes. The two concepts—one person making a difference, and Congress needing solid information on a wide variety of topics—are combined in the career of a man named Brad Currey, Jr.

Brad Currey retires at the end of this year as Chairman, President, and CEO of the Rock-Tenn Company in Norcross, Georgia. Brad always says that Rock-Tenn's value is based on the unique competence of its people; with those people, he built one of the country's largest manufacturers and converters of 100 percent recycled paperboard. Their products are all around us, but we rarely recognize them: cereal boxes, bookcovers, overnight express mail envelopes, and countless other items.

During his career with Rock-Tenn, Brad demonstrated why a "special interest group" is not necessarily a bad thing. He has helped Congress refine an important part of environmental policy, especially in the area of recycling. In doing so, he and his colleagues in the 100 percent paper recycling industry helped remind us of the broad power Congress has to affect the way business is done.

A few years back, we grappled with what was referred to at the time as the "solid waste crisis." Legislation was introduced and considered in the Commerce Committee to help spur the recycling markets. We certainly did not know all that we needed to know about recycling, and few people in environmental organizations or the lobbying community had an expert background in it, either. Brad Currey recognized that the future of his paper recycling industry was about to be decided in Congress. He called on his industry colleagues, many of whom were owners and operators of small family-run recycled paper companies, and convinced them of the need to make their voice heard in the debate on solid waste and recycled issues. From that point, the story takes on a more "inside Washington" character: they chose a name for themselves, the Paper Recycling Coalition (PRC), and hired a consulting firm to guide them through the legislative and regulatory process.

Thanks to Brad and his colleagues, I have learned more about the recycled paper industry and its presence in Ohio and around the country. I have also learned more about the issues that affect them, and recognized that their collective voice was valuable in crafting the nation's recycling policies. They created a more visible identity for the recycled paper industry, and they did it without arm-twisting or crass tactics. They did it with information.

From what I have heard from his friends, inserting the paper recycling industry in the policymaking process is just one of many Brad

Currey accomplishments. As Brad gets ready to retire, I want to thank him for his guidance and assure him that he has made a difference—he has had a positive impact on the policy process. Like Brad, I hope others will see that they too can make a difference. One willing, dedicated person can have a positive influence on policies that benefit the nation as a whole. Operating forthrightly and with integrity, they can inform us, and help to make our policies sounder. That is an important contribution, and, perhaps, the most vital lesson Brad leaves behind: it is about the people. People like Brad Currey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 24, 1999, I was not present for rollcall votes Nos. 444, 445, 446, and 447. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 444, "aye" on rollcall vote 445, "no" on rollcall vote 446, and "aye" on rollcall vote 447.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN FUNT

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who with boundless energy and enthusiasm spread laughter throughout the nation with his long-running TV show "Candid Camera." Allen Funt died at his home in Pebble Beach on September 5, 1999 at the age of 84.

Born on September 16, 1914 in New York, Allen attended Cornell University graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts. As an undergraduate student, Allen was a scholar of human nature and conducted psychology experiments which began his interest in people's reactions. Mr. Funt also worked as an assistant for an Eleanor Roosevelt radio show from which he began to engender ideas about combining spontaneous reactions of people with radio. During World War II, Allen was enlisted in the Army and served in the Army Signal Corps where he continued to study his idea about combining spontaneous reactions and radio as he experimented with location recording and concealment techniques. After leaving the Army, Allen founded "Candid Microphone" on ABC in 1948. In 1960, CBS picked up the show for a 7-year run and for the year 1960–1961 it was the seventh-best rated show in the nation. CBS now airs "Candid Camera" with Allen's son, Peter Funt, as the host.

For half a century Allen Funt loved to make people smile. He was a visionary who pioneered what has become an entire programming genre, but who also genuinely cared about people and appreciated the healing power of laughter. In the late 1960's, Allen donated his entire Candid Camera film library to the psychology department of his alma mater, Cornell University, in order to share his in-

sights into the human psyche and his work with the students. After settling in the Monterey peninsula in 1978, Allen held fundraisers to support Carmel schools in the 1980's and donated "Candid Camera" tapes to hospitals and the homes of the terminally ill as well as started the "Laughter Therapy Foundation."

Allen Funt was truly a remarkable man who will be fondly remembered for his ingenuity and enthusiasm. His appreciation of laughter's power to heal provided for 52 years of good comedy for the entire nation. Allen will be missed by the countless numbers of people he touched both personally and through his "Candid Camera" show around the world.

DR. TERRY STRAETER: A  
COMMUNITY SERVANT

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to express my admiration and thanks to a leader in San Diego. Dr. Terry Straeter has been a part of our community and given of himself for many years. I am honored to have been invited to participate in an important event to be held this week at the National Air and Space Museum to pay tribute to this innovative and dedicated man.

Dr. Straeter got his start at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the 1970s, a time when our missions to the moon were coming to an end and NASA was once again looking to "push the envelope" in space exploration. Serving at the Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, Terry was performing much of the important research that would lead to more and more innovation.

But then, San Diego got lucky. Terry went into the private sector, holding several posts with General Dynamics, eventually coming to beautiful San Diego to lead a group of tremendously dedicated men and women serving at Marconi Information Systems and Marconi Integrated Systems. And quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, our community has not been the same since Terry and his lovely wife Jinny arrived.

Terry is a strong supporter of our United Way campaign. He takes precious moments of his day to work with kids and help them to understand how important our free market economy is by participating in Junior Achievement. He has reached out to those children whose lives are affected by the daily challenges of diabetes by serving as the Corporate Recruitment Chairman of the 1998 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes." And all the while running one of the most successful and innovative high technology companies in our city, the State of California, and indeed, within our nation.

I am proud to offer my congratulations to Dr. Terry Straeter on this important occasion when we will honor him in a glowing tribute at the National Air and Space Museum. Terry, we appreciate you and we thank you for your service.